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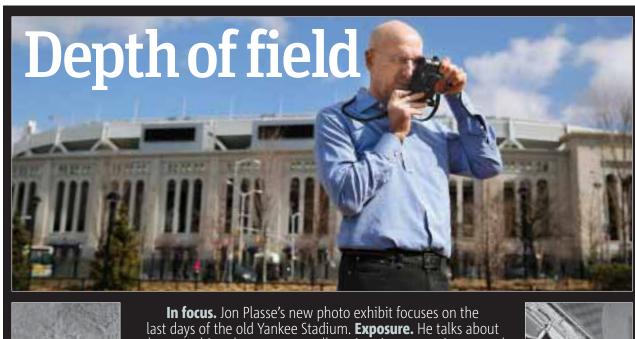
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photographing the venue as well as pinstripe memories created when parents take their kids to watch a game. PAGE 02

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When photographer Jon Plasse, 63, was a little boy, his father would take him to Yankee Stadium — but the home runs and strikeouts aren't what stick in his mind. Plasse, who lives in Manhattan, can't forget the sense of the crowds, the look of the field or little moments with his dad at the old ballpark. In his first solo exhibition in the city opening this week, Plasse's photographs depict the original Yankee Stadium before, during and after the park's demolition in 2010.

Many of the images in "The Stadium" are shot from a childlike vantage point — why?

The whole project is an effort to try to recreate what it was like for me as a kid. I remember going to the stadium, and you're outside the stadium and there are these huge high walls — the surfaces of the walls are broken so the light will shine on the stadium and give it a glow. So it just feels like an enormous palace or something like that. ... When I'd go inside with my dad, there'd be many, many people, and you go through these dark hallways and you just have a real sense that you're with If you go

The Stadium

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your dad and lots of other kids are with their dads. So there was that comfort in terms of being together. And then you finally leave the hallways and you get to the place where you're looking out on the field itself, it just has this dazzling green grass and the infield itself, which is silky looking.

How often did you go to the stadium with your father?

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I remember this period when I was 7 to 11 [years old], and maybe we'd go two or three times a year. So it wasn't an enormous number of times. ... My dad, like many dads, was very busy working and I didn't have a lot of time to spend with him. And so I

thought the baseball game was a special time because the two of us could spend all that time together. ... It just became very memorable just in terms of an experience I had with him.

Is there a particular memory that sticks out?

My dad is taking me by the hand and we go to the ticket booth and he asks for, like in typical dad style, 'Give me the best two tickets that you got.' I remember the ticket seller, and he was this sort of gruff guy with a scar on his mouth, and back then he could smoke a cigarette while he was working. He says, 'Here's your tickets.' So we got the two tickets and, of course, they were not the best tickets in the

house. I just remember my dad trying to give me the best that he could and then going into the stadium together.

A plane soars overhead during a game at the old stadium. / JON PLASSE

When did you start the project?

I started the project in 2004, taking photographs of the stadium. I would go there maybe 10 or 15 times a year. I kept on doing that through 2008. But midway though that process, the Yankees announced they were demolishing the stadium.

Some of the images in the show were published in a 2011 book, "The Stadium." What else is part of this exhibition?

When the stadium was beginning to be torn down in

2009, I took some pictures of that process, and some of those pictures will be in the show. I went there last summer where there are now three baseball fields anyone can use in place of the original stadium.

But the story of the original ballpark isn't necessarily the focus of the project?

Over time, I got a clear idea of what I was trying to portray, which was a dad and his kid going to a baseball game — that story.

Why are the images in black and white?

That's very much derived from the sense that black and white really evokes memory better than color photographs would.

What do you think of the new stadium?

There are a lot of good things about the new stadium. It's much more open. ... It's not the place where my dad took me to baseball games. It's not even the place where I took my own kids to baseball games. It isn't a place of memories like the old stadium was.

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Arrests. Three teens tied to Staten Island shooting in custody

Police have arrested three teens in connection with last week's deadly shooting of a delivery man in Staten Island.

Richard Salvia, 50, was shot and killed in northwestern Staten Island on April 1 after delivering Chinese food to a home on Grandview Avenue.

Police found Salvia, a New Jersey native, with a single gunshot wound to his head, which investigators said was fired by James Sanders,

Sanders was arrested Friday morning, along with Otoniel Carty, 17, and Devin Hill, 19.

Investigators said surveillance video from the night of the attack shows the three suspects making their approach to ambush Salvia, who pushed Sanders before the gun went off.

All three teens fled on

Three teens are in custody in the slaying of a 50-yearold delivery man.

- Cops said there is surveillance video that shows the three approaching before the ambush.
- The three did not take the money the driver was carrying.

foot, leaving the \$136 the victim had on him before he was killed.

All three were also charged with murder in the second degree and multiple attempted robbery charges.

Sanders and Carty were also charged with criminal possession of the loaded firearm that killed Salvia.

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Passel of pillows fly at annual event

Hundreds gathered in Washington Square Park on Saturday afternoon to take a swipe at each other with a pillow as part of International Pillow Fight Day. The event takes place in cities all over the world. This year's theme was superheroes and villains. / SHARESE ANN FREDERICK

Underground

Two dead in separate Manhattan train incidents

Two people were killed on Manhattan train tracks in separate incidents that took place in the early hours of Sunday, transit officials said.

An unidentified trespasser who had wandered into the Metro-North tunnel under Park Avenue near 67th Street was killed about 2 a.m., a Metro-North spokesperson said, adding that so far there was no explanation for the individual's presence there.

Only an hour later, a man who appeared to have been attempting to move between subway cars was found under the wheels of a Q train by the conductor, an MTA spokesperson said. EMILY JOHNSON

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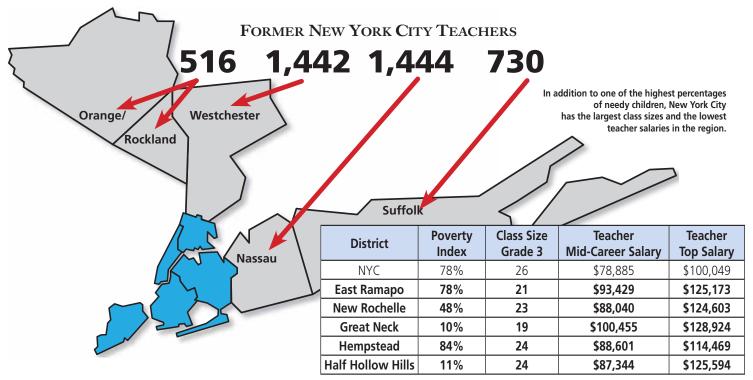
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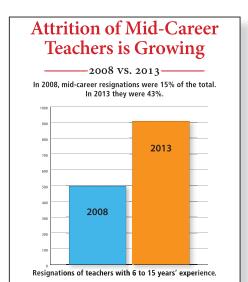
ew York City is in the midst of a teacher exodus. More than 32,000 teachers walked away from jobs in New York City classrooms in the last eleven years, with more than one in eight leaving for jobs in nearby suburban systems that have higher pay, lower class sizes and better teaching conditions.

The previous mayor claimed poverty while rolling up multi-billion-dollar surpluses. His Department of Education raised class sizes, focused instruction on test prep rather than real learning, and forced teachers to generate reams of unnecessary paperwork. Tens of thousands left, and more than 25 percent of all city teachers are now contemplating leaving within three years.

For me as an educator, the most troubling part of this teacher exodus is that the number of resignations among mid-career teachers (6-15 years of experience) nearly doubled between 2008 and 2013, even

in the teeth of the recession. These are teachers who have honed their craft, know how to reach struggling students, and are invaluable as mentors for their newer colleagues.

But under the circumstances it's hard to blame the thousands of teachers who left our classrooms for the suburbs – or the



teachers who say they are now planning on leaving. Or the thousands of highly qualified graduates who will choose one of these districts rather than New York City for their first teaching job unless conditions improve.

Obviously teachers have a personal stake in this. But so does every public school parent. If New York City is serious about having a first-class school system, it has got to find a way to slow the loss of teachers, particularly to the suburban areas where pay and working conditions are so much better.

The city's economy is steadily improving, and honest budgeting will show that new resources are available from the city and the state.

ritics keep saying that New York City cannot afford to treat its teachers and students fairly. But the real question is this – can we afford not to?

Michael Mulgrew



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Search continues for missing student

Jiwon Lee. The student vanished from the UWS last week.

A Columbia University dental student and former local comedian not seen since April 1 has her family and friends concerned and looking for her.

Police said Jiwon Lee, 29, was last seen by her roommate about 8:30 p.m. in their apartment on West 98th Street.

The Columbia Spectator, which first reported Lee's disappearance, said Lee had a phone call with her brother — a student at Columbia University Medical Center — the night she disappeared.

Friends also said that police were able to ping her cellphone to a tower in the Washington Heights neighborhood, but were unable to further track her whereabouts.

Lee was a staple in the New York City comedy By the number

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scene before pursuing her career in dentistry.

Her friends from the scene and from school began using social media over the weekend to circulate a Facebook page as a resource for information and updates on Lee.

On Sunday, Lee's brother and family launched a crowdfunding project to raise money for a private detective to help with the case and to try and find more information about what has happened.

A fourth-year student at the dental school, she served as president of the American Student Dental Association.

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Have you seen her?

Police describe Lee as 5 feet, 2 inches tall and 120 pounds with black hair and dark eyes.

 Authorities are asking anyone with information about Lee to call the department's Crime Stoppers hotline at 800-577-TIPS.

Or, submit tips online at CrimeStoppers.com

Two cops in critical condition after Coney Island fire



Two police officers responding to a fire in Coney Island were overcome by smoke and left in critical condition on Sunday.

Authorities said residents on the 13th floor of an apartment building at 2007 Surf Ave. called in a fire about 12:30 p.m.

Officers Rosa Rodriguez, 36, and Dennis Guerra, 38, were already in the area and responded to the blaze. The two took an elevator up the 18-story building, owned by the city's Housing Authority, when they were overcome

Recovery

Both officers were taken to local hospitals.

- They were treated for carbon monoxide poisoning and smoke inhalation.
- Officer Rodriguez was taken to Lutheran Medical Center in critical condition.
 From there, she was later transferred to Weill Cornell Medical Center.

with smoke.

Despite early reports that the elevator had gotten stuck between the floors that were filled with smoke, Police Commissioner Bill Bratton told reporters that the two officers were found in the hallway and taken back down the elevator for treatment outside.

Bratton said emergency workers resuscitated Guerra in front of the burning building and he was taken to Coney Island Hospital. He was then airlifted to Jacobi Medical Center. CHESTER JESUS SORIA



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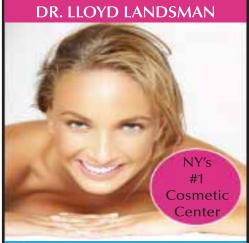
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Proposal by flash mob

New Yorker Anthony Saraceno took his girlfriend Michelle LoPinto to Bethesda fountain in Central Park, where a flash mob proceeded to aid him in his marriage proposal to the sound of Jason Derulo's "Marry Me." She said yes. /BESS ADLER, METRO





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Fatal crash

Four dead after car rolls into **New York City** waterway

Four passengers were killed late Friday night after a car plunged into a waterway that flows into New York City's East River, police and fire officials said.

Rescue divers responding to a 911 call pulled four occupants - two men and two women — from the vehicle submerged in Steinway Creek. The four were declared dead on arrival at area hospitals, New York Police Department spokesman Adam Ñavarro said.

The fifth occupant, a 20-year-old man who

was the driver, escaped the car on his own with minor injuries. He took a breathalyzer test and was found to be sober and was taken to a hospital where his condition was described

as stable, police said. Police identified the deceased as Darius Fletcher, 21; Jada Monique Butts, 19; Jaleel Furtado, 20; and Crystal Gravely, 19. All four lived in East Elmhurst, a middleclass neighborhood in Queens.

Police were unable to confirm reports in local newspapers that the five were friends celebrating a birthday, but confirmed it would have been Gravely's 20th birthday on Saturday. **REUTERS**



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Ships try to verify potential 'pings'

Flight MH370.

More planes and ships sent to assist search near Perth.

Chinese and Australian ships hunting for a missing Malaysia Airlines jetliner have picked up separate acoustic signals in different parts of a vast Indian Ocean search area and are trying to verify whether one could be from the plane's black box recorders.

Australian search authorities said on Sunday a Chinese patrol vessel, the Haixun 01, had picked up a fleeting "ping" signal twice in recent days in waters west of Perth, near where investigators believe Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370 went down on March 8.

Australia's HMAS Ocean

Shield had reported a separate "acoustic event" some 300 nautical miles away. The Ocean Shield is carrying sophisticated U.S. Navy equipment designed to pick up signals sent from the black boxes, which may hold the key to why the aircraft ended up thousands of kilometers off course.

"We are treating each of them seriously. We need to ensure before we leave any of those areas that this does not have any connection with MH370," retired Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston, head of the Australian agency coordinating the operation, told a media conference in Perth.

A black box detector deployed by the Haixun 01 picked up the signal with a frequency of 37.5kHz per second — the same as emitted by flight recorders - at



"The 37.5kHz is the specific frequency that these locator pingers operate on."

Anish Patel president of Floridabased Dukane Seacom, which made the black box locator. about 25 degrees south and 101 degrees east, Xinhua reported on Saturday.

Australian search authorities said such a signal would be consistent with a black box, but both they and Xinhua stressed there was no conclusive evidence linking it to the Boeing 777. REUTERS

Defense. US, in nod to Tokyo, to send more ships to Japan

The United States moved on Sunday to reassure Tokyo over its mounting security concerns, saying it would send more missile defense ships to Japan following North Korean launches, and use a highlevel trip to warn China against abusing its "great power.'

Japan has watched with alarm in recent

weeks as North Korea carried out a series of missile launches, including firing two medium-range missiles capable of hitting the U.S. ally.

Tokyo has also voiced growing anxiety over China's military buildup and increasingly assertive behavior in a territorial dispute over East China Sea islands. **reuters**

'Specific threat'

US cautions citizens against travel via **Baghdad airport**

The U.S. Embassy in Iraq has cautioned its citizens against travelling via Baghdad airport through April 8 due to information regarding a "specific threat" to

security, ahead of elections later this month.

The statement said embassy personnel were prohibited from using Baghdad International Airport "at this time" and urged American citizens all across Iraq to remain on alert.

No further details were given. **reuters**

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Washington state

Blast at site casts spotlight on natural gas safety

An unexplained blast last week at a liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility in Washington state, which injured workers, forced an evacuation and raised alarm about a potentially large second explosion, could focus attention on the risk of storing massive gas supplies near population centers.

The incident last Monday at Williams Co. Inc.'s massive gas storage site is a rare blemish on the safety records of the dozens of LNG plants and storage sites around the country, including towering tanks in packed neighborhoods of New York City, and near Boston. Energy industry experts and opponents of new LNG plants alike said it may spur debate about safe handling of gas for cities increasingly reliant on the cleanburning fuel. REUTERS

New research

Stress during pregnancy may cause asthma

Stress during pregnancy brought on by events like divorce, job loss or death of a loved one appears to be linked to an increased risk of asthma and eczema among children.

These findings, according to Dr. Petra Arck, could "allow clinicians to evaluate future asthma risk in unborn children using a simple life event assessment questionnaire."

Arck notes that although there are strong genetic components to asthma, these alone do not help explain the unprecedented increase in recent years. **REUTERS**



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In tornado-prone areas, some better prepared than others for twisters

Rebuilding. Moore, the town hit by a huge storm in 2013, is still picking up the pieces.

The mayor of Moore, Okla., a municipality twice devastated by tornados in the last 15 years, is fixated on garage doors, knowing they are key to protecting the city from even more damage during this year's tornado season.

Moore will be operating this year under new building codes, arguably some of the most stringent in the nation, to protect people and structures from deadly

In all new construction



a tornado-affected area in his city on May 26, 2013. / GETTY IMAGES

In May 2013, 24 people were killed and 240 injured when a tornado devastated Moore, a city of about 55,000 south of Oklahoma City. Some 2.400 buildings were damaged or destroyed.

starting this month, garage doors must be insulated and storm-resistant, roofs must have sheathing to keep them in place, and structures must be better anchored and secured around their edges.

"Garage doors are the first to come off during a tornado. Once the garage

door comes off, the roof comes off," Mayor Glenn Lewis said in an interview last week.

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Buried treasure

Dig planned to unearth millions of 1980s game cartridges

Searchers, accompanied by documentary filmmakers, plan to scour a New Mexico landfill in an attempt to unearth a legendary dump of millions of unwanted "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" video game cartridges rumored to have been buried at the site in the early 1980s, organizers said on last week.

The suspected entombment in the small city of Alamogordo has become a point of intrigue for gamers over the past three decades, as the product tie-in to the classic 1982 movie "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" was a mammoth flop, remembered as having contributed to a sudden collapse of the video game industry in its early years. **REUTERS**



First Wash. mudslide victim funerals held

Not forgotten.

A custodian and a librarian were memorialized.

A school custodian killed Washington state's mudslide was described as a tough-minded animal lover and a popular librarian as mourners gathered over the weekend in the first of a series of services for the over two dozen dead.

About 250 people into a golf crammed course clubhouse in Arlington, Wash., for the funeral of Summer Raffo, 36, a school custodian and specialist in hoof care for horses, just a few miles from the site where a torrent of mud swept her car off Highway 530 on March

Raffo, the fifth of 14 siblings, was later pulled from the vehicle by a brother.

"She was tough, with so many brothers," Barak Pearson, who led her funeral service, told mourners.

He described her as shy, but a loyal friend.

'She liked to be outdoors," he said. "She loved animals. She was hardworking. She was dependable." REUTERS

Linda McPherson

Another service was held in nearby Darrington for Linda McPherson, 69, who was found dead in the debris of her home.

- Her husband survived when the mudslide engulfed the dwelling along with about three dozen other properties on the outskirts of the community of Oso.
- As the town's longtime head librarian, she played a key role in educating thousands of children through the years, said Peter Selvig, who served with her on the Darrington School Board.
- "She was a sweet, mellow, gentle woman, Selvig said.

By the numbers

The funerals came two weeks after the disaster that left at least 30 people dead, even as searchers look for more bodies.





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Pacific Ocean. Navy ship reaches sailboat carrying sick baby

A U.S. Navy frigate reached a sailboat in the Pacific Ocean on Sunday and were preparing to rescue a seriously ill 1-year-old girl and her family, the Coast Guard said.

The USS Vandegrift and its crew "would determine the best possible course of action" for rescuing the family from the crippled sailboat about 1,000 miles off Mexico's Pacific coast, said Coast Guard Petty Officer Barry Bena.

Because of weather and other factors, Bena

said he could not estimate how long it would take to transfer Eric and Charlotte Kaufman and their daughters Cora, 3, and Lyra, 1, back to the U.S. mainland in California.

The Kaufman family, from San Diego, were on a cruise around the world on a 36-foot vessel called the Rebel Heart when the youngest child fell seriously ill with a fever and rash, prompting her parents to send a satellite distress call to the Coast Guard on Thursday. **REUTERS**

Senator McCaskill

GM ignition switch case could lead to criminal charges

General Motors should make restitution to victims' families and face criminal action if merited for the way it handled defective ignition switches that caused fatal auto accidents, Sen. Claire McCaskill said on Sunday.

McCaskill, as chairwoman of the Senate subcommittee on consumer protection and product safety, led a blistering round of questioning of GM

CEO Mary Barra last week.

In an appearance on ABC's "This Week" show, McCaskill said GM now faced "a real moment of truth" as it pursues an internal investigation of the ignition switches and the automaker's response to the problem.



Democrat Pelosi says former VP Dick Cheney set tone for CIA interrogation practices

Post-9/11. Critics say the CIA's detention and interrogation practices amounted to torture.

Democratic House Leader Nancy Pelosi said on Sunday that former Vice President Dick Cheney "set a tone" for the interrogation and detention programs conducted by the Central Intelligence Agency in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Pelosi said she be-lieved that Cheney, an influential figure in security policy under former President George W. Bush, was proud of the CIA's actions during the Republican administra-

"Many people in the CIA are so patriotic, they protect our country in a way to avoid conflict and violence. ... I think [Cheney] is proud of it." Pelosi said on CNN's 'State of the Union" program.

Pelosi's comments came after the Senate Intelligence Committee voted last week to declassify and release portions of a report on an inves-



Quoted

"I do believe that during the **Bush-Cheney** administration, that Vice President Cheney set a tone and an attitude for the CIA."

Pelosi said on CNN's "State of the Union" program.

tigation into the CIA's detention and interrogation practices after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, Democratic chairwoman



of the panel, said the

report exposes brutality

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Some Republicans have criticized the investigation.

- Republican House Intelligence Committee Chairman Mike Rogers, responding to Pelosi, warned against politicizing the report ahead of November's midterm elections and said it was not "the Holy Grail."
- "That politicizes this in a way that's horribly counterproductive and likely to lead people to the wrong conclusions," he said on CNN.
- He said he had "real misgivings" about the investigation, which some Republicans have criticized as partisan.



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Israel. Netanyahu vows retaliation after Palestine treaty move

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu promised retaliatory measures on Sunday after Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas made unilateral moves toward statehood.

Netanyahu did not immediately specify the action he would take and said Israel remained willing to press on with U.S.-brokered peace talks, but not "at any price."

"They will achieve a state only through direct negotiations and not through empty proclamations or unilateral moves, which will only push a peace accord further away," Netanyahu told his cabinet at its weekly meeting.

On Tuesday, Abbas signed 15 international treaties, including the Geneva Conventions on the conduct of war and occupations, a defiant assertion of statehood that

Disconnect

In a possible first sign of Israel's measures, the Palestinian telecommunications minister said Israel had told telephone company Wataniya Palestine Mobile it would no longer be allowed to bring equipment into the Gaza Strip, where it plans to operate a network.

surprised Washington as it was pushing both sides to continue negotiations beyond an April 29 deadline.

Palestinians said the step was a response to Israel's failure to fulfil its pledge to free some two dozen Palestinian prisoners. Israel said it first wanted a Palestinian commitment to keep talks going beyond the end of the month.



Activists storm Ukraine building

Dozens of pro-Russia protesters in the eastern Ukrainian city of Donetsk stormed the regional government building on Sunday and hung a Russian flag. The hometown of pro-Russian former president Viktor Yanukovich, Donetsk has seen tensions rise, as they have across mainly Russian-speaking eastern Ukraine, since his ouster and the installation of a pro-European government in Kiev. The east has remained a touchpoint for tensions between Ukraine and Russia, after Yanukovich fled from power and Russia annexed Ukraine's Crimean territory. Tensions have spilled over into the biggest confrontation between Russia and the West since the end of the Cold War. Reuters / Getty Images

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Libya

Mass strike paralyses Benghazi, airport closed

Public and private sector staff including oil workers went on strike in the Libyan port city of Benghazi on Sunday, protesting against worsening security and demanding the resignation of parliament whose mandate has expired.

Traffic at Benghazi's international airport was halted by the strike. As a result, a Turkish Airlines plane was turned away, according to state media.

Oil companies, universities and schools also closed, heeding a call by political groups for a day of "civil disobedience" to demand better security, witnesses said. Government forces have failed to improve security in the port city where car bombs and killings of police and army officers have become part of daily life. REUTERS



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Feeling a bit aimless as the end of your last semester approaches? Marc Goldman, executive director of Yeshiva University's Career Center, says not to let that get you down. "I know that it's not an easy pill to

swallow, but being negative or having self-esteem issues at this point of transition can only hurt a student's chances [of success] even more," says Goldman. Certainly Goldman is not the only one who recognizes the power of self-esteem.

The Jed Foundation is a nonprofit that specializes in college students' emotional health. Dr. Victor Schwartz, Jed Foundation's medical director, stresses the importance of reaching equilibrium at this formative point.

"Find a balance of living in the moment and planning for your future," say Dr. Schwartz. "Make thoughtful steps to plan your future.

There are a lot of great resources at many schools. But you don't need [to have] it all figured out. The first job or two are not lifetime contracts."

But remember, it's not too late to start blueprint-

ing your future. "If a student feels lost and does not yet have a career direction," says Goldman, "he or she might consider meeting with a career counselor to assess [his or her] interests, skills, values and possible goals. It is never too late, but students approaching graduation do feel like it's crunch time."

And in some ways, it is crunch time, but stay focused on meeting your goals, utilize campus resources and don't forget to take deep breaths.

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Under pressure

Jane Miller is founder of JaneKnows.com, a career advice site for graduates and young professionals. She gave us a few pointers for job-hunting grads. Your first job out of school will not make or break your career, so don't be afraid to make a decision about it. Most of us will change directions many times in our careers, so

don't sweat the first job.

 Any job can build upon work ethic, leadership and results orientation, so don't be afraid to take a job for which you believe you are overqualified.

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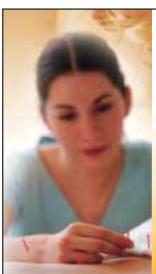
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Instead of waiting for opportunity to knock, why not get out there today and create it yourself? To plan your own professional development plan with a custom fit for where you want to be after graduation, the key is having a razor-sharp focus.

But let's face it: Unless you have the budget to hire a life coach, it's up to you to set yourself up for the opportunities you most want.

Here are four DIY ways to take the initiative and open doors for yourself.

Ask an insider

The challenge: Line up an informational interview with a VIP in your field, to be conducted by phone or in-person.

Getting the inside scoop on what it takes to succeed in the field can help you decide if it's a good fit. "The more knowledge you have, the better decisions you can make about your career," advises university career services professional Katharine Brooks. Plus, she adds, "You'll be better prepared for the real job interview.'

The prerequisites: Be prepared with smart questions and excellent communication skills. Remember: Busy people may be more inclined to meet if you have a mutual acquaintance.



Strive for more

Learn a skill

The challenge: Add another line to your résumé by mastering a unique and in-demand job skill.

The ability to wear many hats and deliver results beyond your job title will put you on the fast track after graduation.

The prerequisites: Be curious, self-motivated and disciplined when you

need to be. Show that you genuinely enjoy learning outside of class — includ ing via online courses, post-grad certificate programs, YouTube videos, webinars or workshops.

To determine exactly what you need to know, ask successful people working in your target sector which skills they wish they had right now. Show your initiative by finding a way to make it happen.

Expand your referral network

The challenge: Once weekly, line up a lunch date with someone in your extended network.

People get jobs because of who they know. Networking doesn't end once you've made a connection or met at a college event. It's an ongoing process.

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Shine online

The challenge: Stake your claim to the web with a personal profile that is public-facing and professional. But don't forget to humanize it with evidence of your unique personality. When someone searches for you (or someone like you) online, help him or her find and select your profile. "I care that you have passions, professional and otherwise, that make you a real, 3-D human," says Cindi Leave, editor-in-chief at Glamour Magazine.

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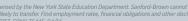
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Officially unofficial Letterman replacement suggestions

With David Letterman stepping down, various TV oracles indicate that Stephen Colbert is a top pick as a "Late Show" host, but we here at Metro think CBS can get a little more creative with its picks. Here's who we think should be on the short list.

Chelsea Handler

OK, she's probably already on the short list. She's officially leaving E!, she's got a steady following and she's written some popular books. But CBS, ever the network of safe choices, may think she's a little too risque for its viewers' tastes. Be bold, CBS! Letterman wasn't the safe late night choice, and she'd be a worthy successor.





Patrick Stewart and Ian McKellen as co-hosts

No guests. Just Patrick tewart and Ian McKellen

continuing their campaign of adorable old dude friendship. Who wouldn't want to hear their take on the news of the day? Maybe they'll wear their matching bowler hats for

the show. Forget "Late Show" as a title. Just call it "Ian McKellen and Patrick Stewart Are Friends and It's Awesome.'

Tig Notaro

After her famous set at the Largo last year catapulted her into the nation's consciousness (who knew talking about cancer would be so funny?), Notaro would be an unexpected but



exciting choice. Plus, she's totally unflappable, so no matter how weird Tom Cruise gets up there, she'd probably roll with it.

To see video testimony on why we think these people would make stellar replacements, Blipp here.

THE WORD

Lisa Weidenfield takes on the world of gossip.

LISA WEIDENFIELD

Prince

Think about it. You'd watch it. He did a pretty solid job on "New Girl" recently, so the guy seems ready for prime time. And he could be his own bandleader. Would he be the world's weirdest interviewer? Fingers crossed.





She's got experience

Aisha Tyler

Tyler has been mak ing the rounds on sically every talk ow since the '90s



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Interview. Scarlett Johansson says you should — and shouldn't — look up to her Black Widow character.

"Captain America: The Winter Soldier" is obvi-ously a Captain America (Chris Evans) movie, but just as important is Scarlett Johansson's portrayal Natasha Romanoff, code name Black Widow. The film marks her third appearance as the sole female Avenger, giving Johansson the chance to inhabit a character in a way she rarely has over the course of her 20-year career.

an interesting challenge to keep coming back to this character," she says. "We saw a little bit of her in 'Avengers,' and we saw a little bit of her backstory - we'll see more of that in 'Avengers 2' — but in this film, we really get to see Natasha as a person who gets up, gets ready for work in the morning, has a life outside out of her job once she's out of the suit.



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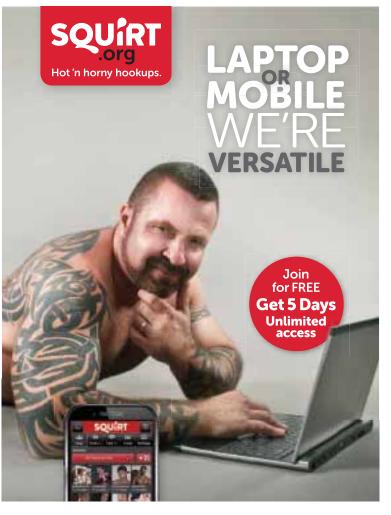
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She's a woman and she has her own reality outside of this. Who knows how far that stretches?"

She's also not as clearcut a good guy as Evans' Captain America. "Natasha is a bit of a reluctant superhero. She doesn't necessarily have this strong, golden moral compass. Let's not forget, she started out her career essentially as a mercenary. I don't know if that makes her role model material," Johansson says, though she does admit those gray areas make the job that much more interesting.

"One of the things that's attractive to me about the character is that she uses her feminine wiles as part of her job, but she doesn't rely on her sexuality or physical appeal to get the job done, she says. "She's extremely smart. She thinks on her feet. She's a leader. And she has a lot of foresight. Those are qualities that I think are wonderful to celebrate for young women.

"And of course, it's really rad for me to have my friends' kids kind of look up to that character, and dress up as her for Halloween, and play with the boys and be rough. I always say, The Widow always wins. And it's true. And that's a nice sentiment.'

Quoted

"Natasha is a bit of a reluctant superhero. She doesn't necessarily have this strong, golden moral compass. ... I don't know if that makes her role model material." Johansson

Hard at work

'Piece of cake'

The stunts can take their toll, though. "I'm going to be in physical therapy for the rest of my life," Johansson jokes. But in all seriousness, she was better prepared for this round of Marvel action than the previous two. "I'd just come off of doing a Broadway run, which is pretty much the most physically demanding

like if anything was going to prepare my stamina, it was that. So everything seemed like a piece of cake after treading the boards for that long. And I think I was in pretty solid shape from that run. And then just maintaining it, [which is] boring. Get up at 5, go to the gym — you know that stuff, that's horrible."





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Chris Evans' do-gooder battled his way to the top of the charts with "Captain America: The Winter Soldier." / ZADE ROSENTHA

Box office. 'Captain America' drowned 'Noah' this weekend

"Captain America: The Winter Soldier," the sequel to Marvel's 2011 film about the red, white and blue superhero, smashed its way to \$96.2 million in weekend ticket sales, setting a new record for an April release and speeding past last week's winner, "Noah."

"Noah," starring Russell Crowe as the biblical figure, was second with \$17 million in sales from Friday to Sunday, and has collected \$72.3 million in overall domestic sales since opening last week, according to estimates.

The dystopian action film "Divergent" was third with \$13 million, for a total of \$114 million since its March 21 release.

Fourth for the weekend with sales of \$7.7 million was the independently released Christian drama 'God's Not Dead," which continued its impressive run despite being panned by critics. **REUTERS**



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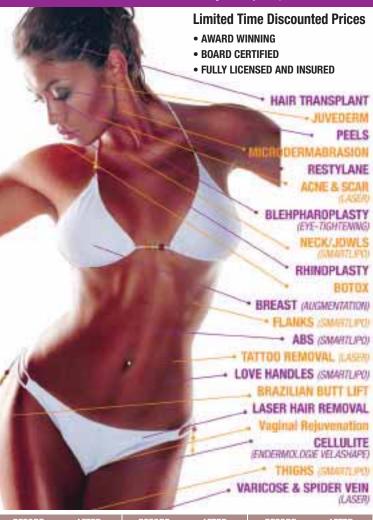
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The envy of us all

Sitcom. "Friends with Better Lives" looks at the peer pressure of social media.

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Keeping up with the Joneses used to require a peek over the white picket fence. Thanks to social media, you now have to keep an eye on fabulous vacation photos on Instagram, drool over restaurant-worthy cookies on Pinterest and monitor everyone's running progress through Nike+ on Facebook. At least, that's the premise of the new CBS sitcom "Friends with Better Lives."

"The show examines friendship through that 'grass is always greener' lens," says Dana Klein, show creator and executive producer. "I mean, I can barely open my computer without feeling like I failed in a million different ways. Someone's got the perfect family, the perfect kids, the perfect job, the perfect body. It's human nature to want what we don't have."

"I've got all those things," interjects star James Van Der Beek.

Dawson's streak

Still obnoxious, but not playing himself

When we last saw James Van Der Beek, he was playing a fictional version of himself on ABC's "Don't Trust the B- in Apartment 23." In "Friends with Better Lives," he's moved on from Dawson.

"The last thing I did, I played a completely

bizarro human being who happened to share my name and four or five things on my résumé," Van Der Beek says.

But his favorite change is a new format. "The great thing about this is the live audience aspect," he says. "I started out in theater, so it's a lot of fun. I feel like the audience keeps you honest. It's an old school sitcom. You either get a laugh or you don't."

It's an off-handed joke, but one that exemplifies the show's biting humor about modern friendship. The series follows six people at different stages in their lives — married, divorced, newly engaged and single - and examines how that in itself can create jealousy. The harried mom longs for a night out with her girlfriends; the single gal wishes she could meet the right guy and start a family. "That's sort of what friendship is," Klein says. "It's this constantly moving pendulum between pity and envy ... with the undercurrent of love. Because if these friends didn't love each other, then the pity and the envy wouldn't be as funny."





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Whenever I'm asked about the greatest lesson I've learned, my response is: Happiness is a choice I make. It's very easy to look for happiness outside ourselves: in a relationship, a dream job or the perfect body weight. When we chase happiness externally, we're simply looking for a higher power in all the wrong places.

The outside search is based on false projections we place on the world. These projections build up a wall against true happiness, which lies within us. This first exercise will help you understand how nothing "out there" can save you from the conflict that resides within. You must develop a rich inner life to enjoy life altogether.

Each time we make this shift and choose happiness, we experience a miracle. Our mind shifts from fearful delusions and reconnects to our truth, which is love. Creating these shifts requires a dedicated commitment to choosing love.

To begin your commitment to new perceptions, start by paying attention to attack thoughts toward yourself and others. These negative thoughts are particularly dangerous because they can be so subtle and insidious that we might not even realize how much they've taken over our minds and stressed us out. But as fiendish as they are, they're surprisingly easy to let go of. All it takes is an ordinary rubber band. Follow this tool from my new book, "Miracles Now," and get into the practice of shifting your thoughts.

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The Phase 2 study, which involved women with the most common form of breast cancer, found that those treated with hormone drug letrozole plus Pfizer's palbociclib lived for an average of 20.2 months before their cancer progressed, compared with 10.2 months for patients given letrozole alone.

The FDA has granted "breakthrough" status for palbociclib. Palbociclib is viewed as one of the company's most important experimental drugs that some analysts believe could eventually claim annual sales of more than \$5 billion, if approved.

The trial tested the pill, which targets proteins involved in cell division, in post-menopausal women with locally advanced or newly diagnosed breast cancer that had spread.

Pfizer is conducting Phase 3 trials in breast cancer patients as well as earlier-stage trials in other types of cancer. **REUTERS**

This week in health news

Gratitude might be the key to happiness

Location of study: United States Study subjects: 246 people Results: New research is echoing what some have been saying for years: Money doesn't buy happiness. According to researchers, people who are materialistic are less likely to be satisfied

Dr. Wei

After

with their lives. Experts partially attribute this to the fact that materialists have a harder time being grateful for what they have. People who are materialfocused are also more likely to have low self-esteem and to be less satisfied in their relationships. Those who are grateful are more likely to be happy and to find meaning in life. Significance: Researchers say their findings reinforce the

"treadmill of consumption" theory. "That 2,500-square-foot house becomes the baseline for your desires for an even bigger house," study co-author Dr. James Roberts of Baylor University said in a statement. "We continue to purchase more and more stuff, but we don't get any closer to happiness. We simply speed up the treadmill."



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Ed Catmull, the president of both Walt Disney Animation Studios and Pixar Animation Studios, came to movies by way of science, with degrees in physics and computer science. In 1979, George Lucas brought him in to lead Lucasfilm's computer graphics division, which, in 1986, was purchased by Apple's Steve Jobs and renamed Pixar. The rest, as they say, is history. But without Catmull and his cofounders'



forward-thinking managerial style and approach to growing a business, it might not have happened.

With the help of journalist Amy Wallace, Catmull has distilled his work ethos into an engaging book, "Creativity, Inc.," which will be published by Random House on Tuesday. It's part memoir, part storytelling and part business guide. Pixar fans will enjoy behind-the-scenes stories and trivia ("Monsters, Inc." was originally about a grown man dealing with frightening creatures no one else could see); business leaders will glean not just information but motivation, too.

Catmull's secret to success seems to be an unwavering dedication to looking for unknowns and dealing with what he finds. To Pixar fans, it sounds familiar.



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Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan

20. Don't let your emotions dictate your course. Acting on impulse will lead to trouble. Take your time or someone will take offense.

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McCutcheon equals corruption

Free speech in America just got a whole lot more expensive. First it was Citizens United v. FEC, declaring corporations to be people with the right to spend as they please in our election campaigns. Now we have McCutcheon v. FEC, removing all restrictions on individual campaign giving. Keep in mind that most states elect their judges, so it is not just our voting booths but our court houses that are now up for sale to those with the deepest pockets. If the Supreme Court is correct, and money is as good as speech, well, corporations and wealthy individuals can now speak louder and longer than the rest of us, and right

into the ears of those in power. Just this week, 13 Wisconsin communities voted overwhelmingly for what the vast majority of Americans have already said they want: a Constitutional Amendment stating that corporations are not people and that money is not free speech.

SUZANNE SEARLE, VIA EMAIL

If money equals speech, than the 1 percent with the most money in this country will be able to drown out the speech of the 99 percent who have far less money to "speak" with. Is that fair? Is it really what our founders envisioned — that the rich should control the government? SHEREE SANO, VIA EMAIL

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- 54 Fencing weapons

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- 66 Knock it off
- 67 Look radiant

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Back home again

MLB. The Yankees return home from a six-game roadtrip to start their 112th season in New York.

Derek Jeter has trotted out to shortstop for 15 home openers at Yankee Stadium. But the 16th time will be his last.

Jeter has missed just three home openers in his career — 2001, 2003 and 2013 - all because of injury.

He missed last season's after a setback in spring training as he tried to come back from a fractured ankle suffered in the

Opening Day

The Yankees become the 23rd team this season to kick off their home schedule Monday with a packed day at the Stadium.

- Gates open: 11 a.m.
- Baseline introductions: 12:44 p.m.
- National anthem: Broad-

way actress Kelli O'Hara, 12:56 p.m.

- Ceremonial first pitch: Mariano Rivera and Andy Pettite, 1:06 p.m.
- First pitch: 1:08 p.m.
- Weather: 50 degrees at first pitch, 30 percent chance of showers

Despite it being Jeter's last opener, there are still almost 4,000 tickets available on StubHub.

previous year's playoffs. "Especially after missing last year, I'm looking forward to this one," Jeter said following Sunday's win in Toronto.

Jeter admitted doesn't know how he'll feel being introduced for the final time to a Yankee Stadium crowd as a player.

He should be ready for a long, loud ovation.

And while Jeter will get the loudest ovation, it will also be the first time for Yankees fans to applaud new arrivals Jacoby Ellsbury, Brian McCann, Carlos Beltran and Masahiro Tanaka as well.

The Yankees will pitch Hiroki Kuroda in the opener (1:08 p.m., YES Network). Kuroda, who pitched well in a firststart loss to Houston, goes against Baltimore's Ubaldo Jimenez (0-1, 6.00 ERA).

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Back in action

SPORTS



Yankees beat Javs behind Sabathia

CC Sabathia looked more like the ace of old in his second start of the season — a 6-4 victory in Toronto.

Sabathia earned his first win, allowing four runs in six innings after being shelled for six runs and eight hits in his Opening Day start in Houston.

He allowed a leadoff homer to Melky Cabrera, but settled in and threw four scoreless innings before tiring in the sixth.

Brett Gardner hit the Yankees' first home run of the season in the fourth inning. metro

More records

Jeter takes over eighth in all-time hits

Derek Jeter will enter his final home opener eighth all time in career hits after a 2-for-4 day Sunday.

Jeter tied Hall of Famer Paul Molitor at 3,319 hits with a single in the third inning and passed him for sole possession of eighth with a single in the fourth inning. METRO

SPORTS

More issues

Puig out with injured thumb

Dodgers outfielder news. At least the
latest episode isn't
totally of his doing.
Puig, who showed up
late on Opening Day
and was benched,
underwent an MRI on Sunday for an in-jured left thumb and



Out of gas

Niese struggles in sixth as Mets drop to Reds

Everything went well for Jon Niese until the sixth inning.

Niese, who was making his first start of the season after beginning the Mets' campaign on the disabled list, allowed two runs in 5 2/3 innings in a 2-1 loss to Cincinnati Sunday afternoon.

Niese threw five scoreless innings, allowing just two hits, before coming unraveled in the sixth. The Red led off with three straight singles, loading the bases for a Joey Votto sacrifice fly and Ryan Ludwick. The two runs would be all the Reds needed to avoid a sweep by the Mets (2-4).

But despite the disappointment, Niese's start was encouraging from a



health standpoint.

"I feel good," Niese said. "[I] felt like the ball was coming out of my hand pretty well. Obvi-ously didn't have any

Alfredo Simon, making his first start in two years, earned the win for Cincinnati. He allowed one run in seven innings as an emergency replacement for Mat Latos.

The Mets travel to Atlanta on Tuesday. METRO

Knicks' hope for playoff spot fading

NBA. A loss to Miami has New York running out of time to make the playoffs.

An unsurprising Knicks loss, paired with a surprising Hawks win, has New York's playoff hopes on life support.
The Heat, even with-

Wade, Dwyane knocked off the Knicks, 102-91, behind 38 points from LeBron James.

J.R. Smith drained 10 3-pointers on an NBArecord 22 attempts, but his 32 points were not enough to keep the Knicks (33-45) on pace with Atlanta in the fight for the final playoff spot in the

Eastern Conference.

The Hawks (34-42) dominated the Pacers in Indiana, 107-88, in a total shocker. The Pacers, who are trying to keep even with Miami for the top spot in the East, were down 55-23 at the half and were never in the game.

Atlanta now leads the Knicks by three games in the loss column with just four games left to play for New York.

"Our fate is almost now in Atlanta's hands, Carmelo Anthony told reporters after the game. 'My fate is in somebody else's hands."

Anthony, who is fighting a shoulder injury, had just 13 points.



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Knicks (33-45) ...

April 11 at Toronto April 13 vs. Chicago April 15 at Brooklyn April 16 vs. Toronto

Hawks (34-42) ...

April 8 vs. Detroit April 9 vs. Boston April 11 at Brooklyn April 12 vs. Miami April 14 vs. Charlotte April 16 at Milwaukee

NCAA. Kentucky, **UConn set to square** off for championship

There has been a lot of history already made as Kentucky and UConn prepare to battle for an NCAA championship.

It's the first time since 1966 the two combatants for the title had both not appeared in the NCAA tournament at all the year before. It also represents the highest combined ranking of two finalists, by a sizable amount: Kentucky is a No. 8 seed, while UČonn is No. 7.

And there seem to be two different approaches to Monday's game.

There's the mature, calculated guard play of Shabazz Napier and Ryan Boatright for UConn as head coach Kevin Ollie makes his first-ever NCAA tournament run.

And then there is freshmen-laden Kentucky, led by Julius Randle, playing for another one of John Calapari's one-anddone operations. EVAN MACY



By the numbers

Kentucky has seven McDonald's All-Americans (Julius Randle, James Young, Aaron Harrison, Andrew Harrison, Alex Poythress, Dakari Johnson, Marcus Lee), UConn has



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